

Bell companies operate an "essential facility", subsidized by taxpayers, and should have to accommodate other ISP firms that wish to purchase access from them. This wholesale provisioning will stimulate competition and be of benefit to the consumers. To not do so would cripple the '96 Telecom Act and put small companies like mine at risk since we depend on niche technologies that small ISPs provide. The baby bells are least common denominator providers that can cater to least common denominator users; allowing ISPs to purchase access from Baby Bells ensures that the marketplace is open to competition and innovation, the latter of which is stifled by the baby Bell's least common denominator approach to DSL service.